
20th FEBRUARY, 1805.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Saturday next.

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To authorise the leasing of the public lands in the city of Washington.

1 **Be it enacted,** by the Senate and House of Representatives
2 of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That
3 **the** President of the United States be authorised and empowered
4 to lease, or cause to be leased, to such persons who will improve
5 and cultivate the same, any portion of the public ground within
6 the city of Washington, that he may think proper: *Provided,*
7 That no lease shall be for a longer period than nine years, and
8 no one person be permitted to lease more than twenty acres.